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TITLE:	METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR REDUCING DATA COLLISIONS IN A FREQUENCY HOPPING COMMUNICATION SYSTEM		

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

This amendment is being filed electronically  
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Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows: